

***TOWN OF NEWFIELDS BOARD OF SELECTMEN
MEETING MINUTES
TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 27, 2007***

The meeting was called to order at 6:20pm. Selectmen present were: James McIlroy and Michael Woodworth. Wes Moore joined the meeting in progress. Others present were: Jay Somers of Comcast Cable, Town Counsel Fran Lane, Jack Shaw, and Jamie Thompson and John Crisp of the Budget Advisory Committee.

Michael Woodworth gave an update on the status of the Dispatch Advisory Committee to the other Selectmen. Lt. Gould compiled a draft of the final report which was shared with the other committee members. Fire Chief Jeff Buxton wanted some items changed. Michael then drew up another draft which is waiting for approval by the committee members. The Selectmen are looking forward to receiving the final report from the committee.

James made a motion to approve the minutes of the November 20th, 2007 meeting. Wes seconded the motion and the motion passed with all in favor.

The Selectmen discussed with Jay Somers and Fran Lane the Town's issues on the renewal Comcast Cable contract. Jay agreed to make various changes on the contract and provide clean copies to the Town for review and signatures.

At 7:15pm the meeting went into a non-public session per RSA 91-A:3 III. At 7:40pm the meeting returned to a public session.

The drainage at the library for the new driveway and parking area was discussed. It was mentioned that Larry Arend should have specified that the drainage of these areas will drain into a catch basin and then into the storm pipe system rather than into the sewage drain when he discussed the plan with the Selectmen earlier this month.

Jack Shaw came to the meeting to discuss the old Post Office Building. He heard that the downstairs area (garage) has been rented and there was talk of a tenant for the upstairs of the building. He feels that we should pursue a strategy to expand the Police Department to the entire bottom floor of the Town Hall and move the Town Offices to the old Post Office Building to prevent a larger building project in the future.

The Selectmen have taken the valuable report prepared by the Buildings and Facility Committee with the inventory of space available and each department's needs and reviewed thoroughly the merits of its contents. The Selectmen further vetted with selected departments their requested space needs. They deliberated and explored alternative scenarios for the Police Department and Town Office between the Town Hall

and the old Post Office Building. After this year long period of deliberation, the Selectmen have concluded that no action is needed at this time or any time in the near future. They believe the tax burden taken on by the Town with very important conservation bonds and increased school needs is significant and requires time to be paid down prior to any building renovations, especially considering the current space situations.

One Abatement Application was approved.

One Land Use Change Tax was signed.

A letter to the Newfields Library Trustees was signed.

The invoice from the Rockingham Planning Commission was reviewed and the dues payment was approved.

Correspondence from the Lane Law Offices was reviewed.

Nancy reported that Tim Greene of Plodzik & Sanderson PA advised that all grant monies received must be included in the Town's financial reports regardless of whether or not the Town actually received the monies or it was sent directly to a closing agent or another party. A note will be put on each of the two Reportable Condition and Management Point Development Worksheets before they are signed and returned to Plodzik & Sanderson.

The Memorandum regarding a Warrant Article Roundtable Discussion was reviewed and it was suggested that Michael attend on December 14th.

Dennis Boyle's letter to the Town Clerk regarding the \$50.00 penalty on his tax bill was discussed. The penalty is for failure to return the completed 2007 Inventory Form on or before April 15th, 2007. The Selectmen decided not to abate the penalty. A letter will be sent to Mr. Boyle informing him of the Selectmen's decision. Mr. Boyle may make an appointment to meet with the Selectmen at one of their regularly scheduled meetings if he wishes to further discuss the matter.

Correspondence from former Town Planner Reuben Hull was received as promised. It was reviewed and forwarded to the new Town Planner and the Planning Board secretary.

Jamie Thompson and John Crisp, Budget Advisory Committee members met with the Selectmen for a short discussion. They have met with all departments with the exception of the library. They will meet next Tuesday night as a Committee and then with the Selectmen.

At 9:04pm the meeting went in to a non-public session per RSA 91-A:3I.

Wes made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 9:26pm. Michael seconded the motion and the motion passed with all in favor.

Respectfully submitted,

Nancy J. Spencer
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